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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 14-21, 41, 45-47, 52, 53, and 55-58.

Please introduce the following new claims 59 through 77.

59. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 9, wherein the second end of the cannula comprises a head assembly.

60. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 59, wherein the head assembly comprises the at least one bearing surface.

61. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 60, wherein the at least bearing surface comprises an inclined surface.

62. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 59, wherein the head assembly comprises a seal which permits the passage of the obturator through the head assembly with little or no fluid leakage.

63. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 59, wherein the head assembly further comprises a fluid port.

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64. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 61, wherein the fluid port includes a valve.

65. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 9, wherein at least one of the cannula and the obturator is non-metallic.

66. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 22, wherein the open second end of the cannula comprises a head assembly.

67. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 66, wherein the head assembly comprises the at least one bearing surface.

68. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 67, wherein the at least one bearing surface comprises an inclined surface.

69. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 66, wherein the head assembly comprises a seal which permits the passage of the obturator through the head assembly with little or no fluid leakage.

70. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 66, wherein the head assembly further comprises a fluid port.

71. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 70, wherein the fluid port includes a valve.

72. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 22, wherein at least one of the cannula and the obturator is non-metallic.

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73. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 22, wherein the open second end of the cannula comprises a head assembly.

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dkb 74. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 31, wherein the head assembly comprises a seal which permits the passage of the obturator through the head assembly with little or no fluid leakage.

75. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 31, wherein the head assembly further comprises a fluid port.

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concl. 76. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 75, wherein the fluid port includes a valve.

77. (NEW) The trocar as recited in claim 31, wherein at least one of the cannula and the obturator is non-metallic.